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OUR TAKE ON THE NEWS IN NEW JERSEY

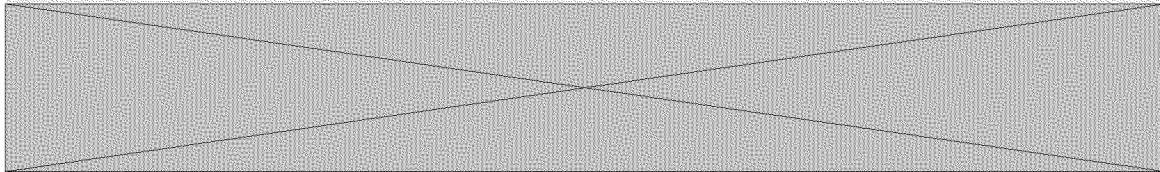
DOWN THE SHORE - New Jersey's congressional delegation is springing into action 19 months after Superstorm Sandy - telling Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan to get some money to the 6,300 applicants in New Jersey still waiting for money to rebuild their homes. Apparently the third wave of funding from D.C. is supposed to be "moving" in the next several weeks, which means checks would be cut at some future date when the oceans swallow the land and vengeful goldfish - furious with being flushed down toilets for generations - rule the planet.

TRENTON - While this awful winter is now in the rear-view window - likely of a car stuck in a snow bank - the bills are still storming in. State officials say snow removal expenses have exploded to nearly a half-billion dollars this winter, which includes the need to purchase nearly 500,000 tons of salt and crews to respond to 50 snowstorms. At least New Jersey had one reliable job creator this winter.

TRENTON - The campaign of Paul Perez to become city mayor is getting distracted by allegations that he shoved a woman who is supporting Eric Jackson for mayor, *The Trenton Times* reports. She claims she was injured at a Jackson rally on Saturday. Perez now has his attorney filing his own complaints, saying the woman defamed him by posting lies on his Facebook page. The posts show a photo of the candidate with the words "Real men don't hit women" and "This man likes to assault women." All interesting, yet all irrelevant after voters go to the polls on Tuesday.

PATERSON - In other court news involving mayoral candidates, a Paterson judge has decided to delay the arraignment of Councilman Rigo Rodriguez until after the election, the *Record* reports. The candidate and his wife are accused of submitting ballots for voters in 2010 - unbeknownst to the voters. Prosecutors allege the couple told their campaign workers to hush up when investigators come calling. The hearing has been rescheduled to May 20 - safely after voters have decided their new leader.

NEW BRUNSWICK - With all the redevelopment and investment in the Hub City, one would think a large grocery store in the downtown near Rutgers University would be a slam dunk. But for some reason, Fresh Grocer - which has no competition in the city - did not generate the type of business it expected and is closing its doors May 24. There's probably many theories about why it failed, but pricing was probably a factor. If the supermarket had great deals and marketed to students, upperclassman would have happily ditched their meal plans.

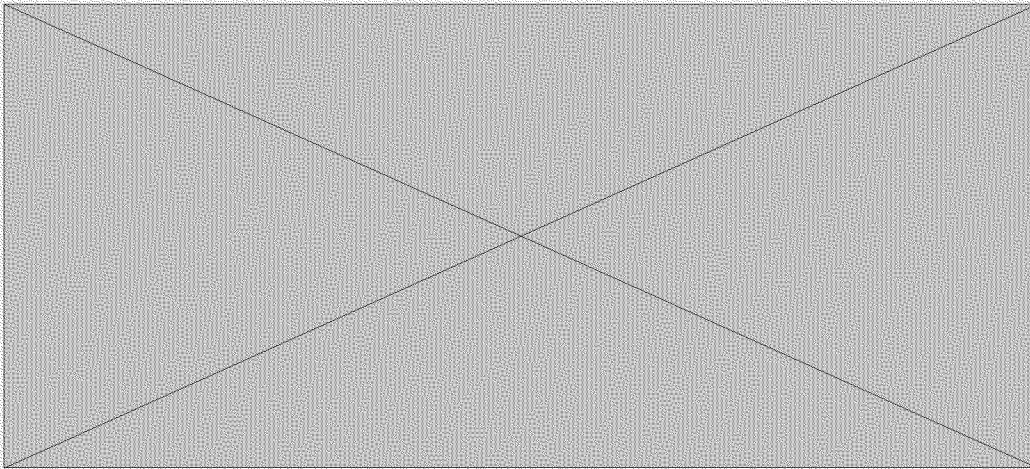


IN OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

IN CYBERSPACE - Perhaps not everything should be sold on the Internet - such as positive pregnancy tests. CBS reports this new online business of selling the tests, with one purveyor saying 95 percent of his customers are women looking to deceive men. One Craigslist ad posted by a Central New Jersey woman read: "I am pregnant and will sell you a positive pregnancy test. These will be taken right before you're ready to pick them up. Wanna get your boyfriend to finally pop the question? Play a trick on mom, dad or one of your friends? I really don't care what you use it for." Whatever the motive, this concept is inconceivable.

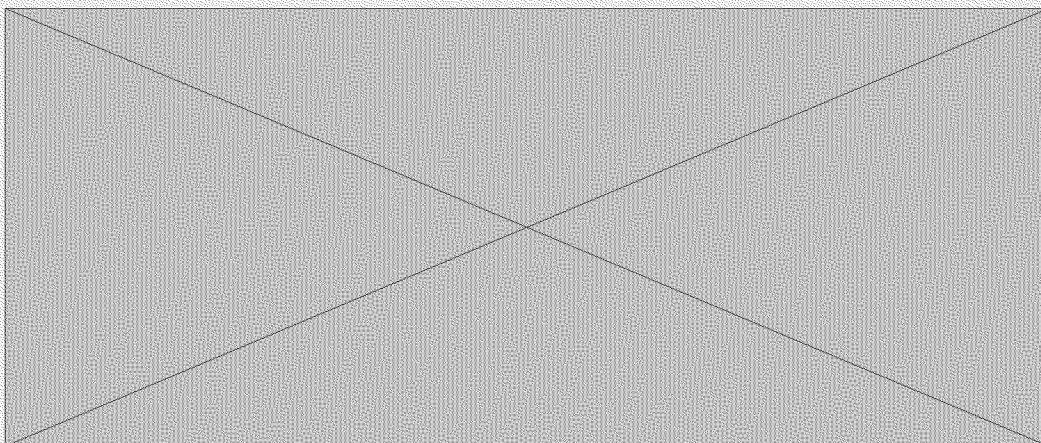
HOUSTON, TX - Local cops in the city's Woodland Heights section are looking for a "serial pooper" targeting neighborhood driveways and yards in the wee hours of the night. KPRC Local 2 News reports the balding man with a mustache has hit one particular driveway six times in the early morning hours - perhaps the homeowner subscribes to newspaper delivery - and was actually caught on

surveillance video by one victim. Cops say his prime time to attack is from 1-4 a.m. and suggest revenge could be a motive. Police are reminding residents to pick up after their own pets, or they may find an unwelcome present awaiting them on the driveway.

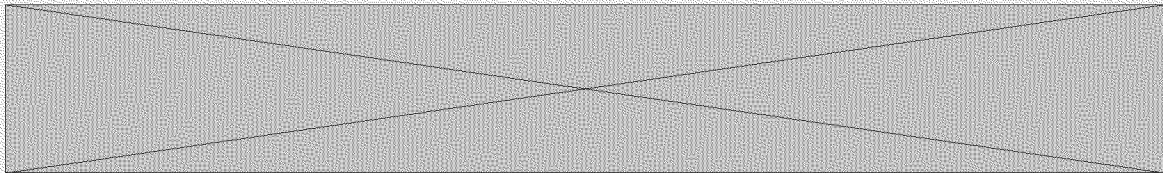
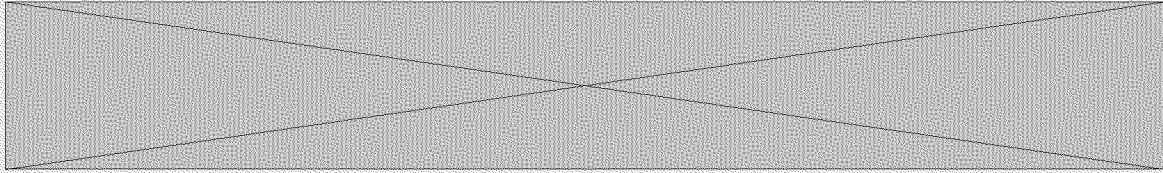
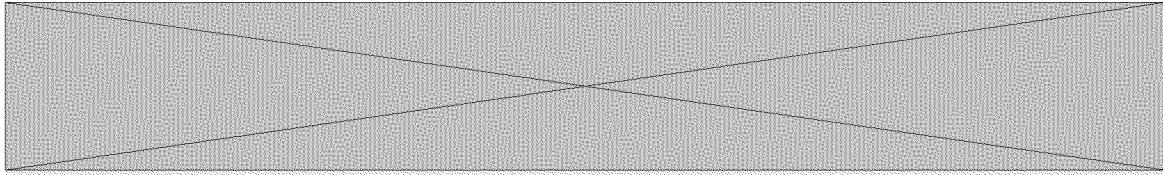


THIS DAY IN HISTORY

While the rest of America strives to get guns off college campuses, it was this day in 2011 that Texas lawmakers amended legislation to allow college students to pack heat - for self-protection...from, say, the co-ed with that dangerously sharp pencil.



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